



The Queenes most excellent Maiestie, vnderstanding that the infection of the plague in the cities of London and Westminster doth yet continue, so as with safetie the next Michaelmas Terme cannot be kept as was accustomed in the citie of Westminster: and therefore doubting that if the said Terme of S. Michael now next comming should be kept at the said citie of Westminster, it can not be but dangerous to such her loving subjects, which for their lawfull causes should make their necessary repaire to the said cities: Therefore her Maiestie considering the great inconueniences that may thereof ensue, by the aduice of her Highnesse Councell doth finde it very expedient that adiournment should be made of the said Terme, in forme following, That is to say, in or from the first Returne thereof, commonly called Otabis Michaelis, vnto the Returne, commonly called Mensse Michaelis, then next ensuing, when the rest of the said Terme shall be continued and kept in maner and forme hereafter specified. For which purpose, especiall choise is made of the Towne of Albans in the countie of Hertford: at which place her Highnesse pleasure is, that the residue of the said Terme shall be kept as hereafter is expressed: and therefore doth declare, and hereby signifie her will and pleasure, that writs of adiournment shall be directed to the Justices of either Bench, & to the Judges of all other her Maiesties courts, to who like writs haue bene vsually directed, giuing them authoritie to adiourne the said Terme from Westminster aforesaid, vnto the said towne of S. Albans, vnto & in the Returne a day called Mensse Michaelis, from or in which Mensse Michaelis, the residue of the said Terme shall be adiourned to and in the Returne and day called Crastino Animarum next ensuing, in maner and forme as by the said writs of adiournment shall be directed. And also that all matters, causes, and sutes betweene partie and partie in her Highnesse courts of Chancerie, Star-chamber, Eschequer, the courts of Wards and Liveries, the Duchie of Lancaster, and Requests, shall haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day in or from the said Otabis Michaelis vnto and in the said day of Mensse Michaelis, and from thence shall haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day in and to the said Returne of Crastino Animarum as is aforesaid, willing and commanding them and euery of them to whom it doth apperteyne, to keepe and obserue their apparances and assemblies in a l and euery her said courts to be holden as is aforesaid, in the said Mensse Michaelis, and from thence to the said Returne called Crastino Animarum, as is aforesaid, in like maner, forme and condition as they should or ought to haue done, if the said Terme and courts had bene holden and kept at Westminster, and as they and euery of them will answere at their perils. Provided alwayes, and her Maiesties pleasure and commandement is, that all persons that are or ought to certifye any Bonds, Recognizances, or other things into her Maiesties Eschequer: and also all Collectours, Receiuers, Sherrifs, and other Accountants, and all other persons that should or ought to account or pay any summe or summes of money in any of her Maiesties courts of Eschequer, court of Wards and Liveries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or any of them, or enter into any account in any of the said courts, shall repaire vnto the said citie of Westminster, vntill full Terme shall be kept and holden at some other place, and after full Terme so begun and holden, then to such towne or place where the Terme shall be kept and holden, where her Highnesse hath appointed the officers and ministers of the same, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to certifie, pay, and do in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournment had bene had or made. And her Highnesse further pleasure and commandement is, that all Sherrifs shall returne their writs and process against all such Accountants and Debtors at the dayes therein appointed: and if any person or persons who ought to account or pay any summe or summes of money to her Maiestie, in any the courts and places aforesaid, do make default therein, that then her Highnesse writs & process shall be awarded and sent forth against euery such person and persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued & returned by the Sherrifs and officers thereunto appointed, in such like maner and forme as the same should haue bene, if this present Proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sherriffe, or any other officer shall make default, or be negligent in seruing, executing, or returning of any the writs and process aforesaid, that then euery such Sherriffe and other officer shall incur such paines & penalties, as by the said courts, or any of them shall be taxed & assessed. And further, her Maiestie considering that if there should happen to be any accesse and apparance at the said towne of S. Albans, during the residue of the Terme, of such as haue had the plague in their houses, or haue bene themselves infected therewith, there might ensue great perill and damage to those that haue as yet bene cleare thereof, & so further inconuenience might grow thereby to the rest of the Realme: Her Highnesse for auoyding thereof, doeth straightly charge & command that no such person or persons who haue bene so infected, or haue had the plague in their houses, or haue bene in any house, at the time of their being in the same, infected with the plague at any time sithence the xiiii. day of September last, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, shall repaire to the said towne of S. Albans or other place whatsoever, to which any part of the said Terme of S. Michael shall be adiourned, during the residue of the said Terme, except he or they shall be commanded by speciall Process, or otherwise haue speciall commandement for his or their personall apparance. And yet neuerthelesse, euery such person or persons so infected before his or their repaire into the said Towne, shall before he or they enter into any house within the Towne or place aforesaid, openly notifie and declare by some message to the principall officer of the Court where he should appeare, his or their state touching his or their infection, with the cause for which he or they shall be called by Process or other commandement, or to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the L. Keeper of the great Seale of England, to haue regard thereunto: So as if the said partie shall be ordered to come into the Towne or place aforesaid, or into any the courts there, the same shall after (during the space of his or their abode there) beare and holde by in his or their hande bryght to be seene, one red cloth of the length of one yarde or more, vpon paine of her Maiesties displeasure, and imprisonment of their bodies during her Highnesse pleasure. And further her Maiestie straightly chargeth and commandeth all Justices of Peace of the said Countie of Hertford, as well within Liberties as without dwelling within twelue miles of the said Towne of S. Albans, and all Bayliffs, Constables, & head officers of any Boroughes, townes, villages, or hamlets within eight miles of the said Towne of S. Albans, that they & euery of them shall from and after the day of the proclaiming this Proclamation within the said Countie, doe their best endeouours to make and set forth such good orders as (by the goodnesse of God) may be most to the preservation of all places within the same circuite of eight miles from the infection of the plague, and for that purpose to assemble themselves together weekly at some conuenient place in the said Countie from the time of the publishing of this Proclamation, vntill the ende of the residue of the said Terme, as wel for the deuising as for the execution of such good orders. And that the said Justices of Peace shall in the first day of the sitting in the residue of the said Terme, signifie and declare to the L. Keeper of the great Seale of England all that they, and the said Constables and other the said Officers shall then haue done in and about the premises: And shall also from time to time follow such directions as they shall receiue from the said L. Keeper and other of her Maiesties priue Counsell being at the Towne of S. Albans, tending to the preservation of the places within the circuit aboue specified from the said infection of the plague: Not doubting but that as wel the said Justices, as other the inferior officers will carefully discharge their duties in that behalfe, as they tender the continuance of her Maiesties fauour, and will answere the contrary at their perils.

Given at the Castle of Windsor the xiiii. day of September, in the xxv. yeere of her Maiesties raigne.

God saue the Queene.